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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/678,652
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Group Art Unit	1634
Examiner Name	Bradley L. Sisson
Attorney Docket Number	500.39147X00

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission** required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the Amendment(s)/Response(s) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on 21 April 2003.  
(Any unentered Amendment(s)/Response(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Response/Supplemental Response/Request for Examiner Interview Prior to First Action

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other Petition for one-month extension of time and Statement of Substance/Request for Interview

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge **ONLY DEFICIENCIES** in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) (Code 1801) 07/22/2003 KZEWDIE 00000075 09678652

ii. ☒ Extension of time fees (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (Code 1252) 01 FC:1801 750.00 OP

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

☒ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$860.00 (Form PTO-2038 attached) **(NOTE: NO CLAIMS NOT PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR ARE SUBMITTED; NO ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEES ARE REQUIRED.)**

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